

Good afternoon,

As you are aware, the rules under which hospital discharge data is reported to the State are currently under revision. Earlier this year, drafts of both the proposed revised rule and supporting documents were posted on the ADHS website for your review.

In early March a meeting was held at ADHS with hospital and vendor representatives to discuss some of the details of the reporting. Meetings have also been held with the workgroup at the hospital association. Based upon those meetings and comments received on the previously posted drafts, changes have been made to both the proposed rule and the supporting documents.

The purpose of this email is to notify you that updated drafts of the Reporting Manual and Data Layout Spreadsheet will be posted early next week (the week of May 7, 2007). These documents will be available on our website at:

<http://www.azdhs.gov/plan/crr/ddr/hospal/index.htm> Click on the link “Draft Rule Supporting Documents.”

Also early next week, the updated draft of the proposed rules will be available for your review. You may access this draft at:

[http://www.azdhs.gov/diro/admin\\_rules/hci.htm](http://www.azdhs.gov/diro/admin_rules/hci.htm) Scroll down under the heading “Draft Rules” and select the link next to “Hospital Draft Rules.”

Please review these documents, and share them with anyone in your facility affected by the hospital data reporting or medical record coding processes. If your hospital utilizes the services of a vendor or a corporate office for reporting purposes, please share this information with them as well. Let me know of any questions, comments or concerns you may have. This is our final informal review, before the rule is sent to the Secretary of State, and time is of the essence. Your input is appreciated and very valuable to us. Thank you for your participation.